Aimal Husbandry, Irrigation, Cooperation, Forests, Fisheries etc., Director, Institutional Finance and M.D., SC/ST Development Corporation and M.D., Women's Development Corporation. This is chaired by the Chief Secretary/ Development Commissioner/Agricultural Production Commissioner. A representative of KVIC/KVIB, two representatives of the Government of India and representatives of NGOs/Voluntary Agencies are nominated by the Central Government on this Committee. The Secretary, Rural Development of the State is its *ex-qfficio* Member Secretary. In addition one representative each of National level parties, recognised by the Election Commission and represented in the State Assembly is to be nominated on the State-level Monitoring Committee by the parties concerned.

(b) Yes, one representative each of National level parties, recognised by the Election Commission and represented in the State Assembly is nominated on the State-level Monitoring Committee by the parties concerned.

(c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Allocation for Indian Millennium Mission Projects

3150. SHRI NARENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have provided an allocation of Rs. 50 crore for 2001.-2002 for implementation of Indian Millennium Mission Projects envisaging urban facilities for rural areas, as conceived by Bharat Ratna Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam; and

(b) if so, places where trial runs for these projects have been launched and whether exclusive executing and monitoring agencies have been identified for these projects?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Science and Technology has reported that a plan provision of Rs. 10.00 crore has been made in their Budget for the year 2001-2002 to undertake multi-disciplinary and multi-institutional tasks in partnership with industries and NGOs under the broad umbrella of India Millennium Mission-2020 (IMM-2020). The objective is to make rural areas as much attractive to people as cities are. IMM-2020 visualises several programmes and is also broadly supportive of missions like Programmed Urbanisation of

Rural Areas (PURA). Implementation of such a concept would require considerable understanding by the local people. Interactions with the local people for implementing PURA have taken place at Kancheepuram (Tamil Nadu), Southern Maharashtra and Kapurthala (Punjab).

Withholding of money due to non-utilisation of funds by States for poverty alleviation schemes

3151. SHRJ RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that concerned about the failure of some States to utilise the money allocated to them under various poverty alleviation schemes in rural areas, the Centre has warned that non-performing States will not be given any money in March, if they do not use the money given to them for that fiscal year;

(b) if so, the details of the States who have not used money so far; and

(c) what is the reason given by these States for non-utilisation of the money?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRJ M. VENKAIAH NAIDU): (a) The Ministry of Rural Development release the funds under its various poverty alleviation schemes to the States in two instalments. The second instalment of funds under any Scheme is released only when the State/District has utilized 60% of the funds available with it under the Scheme. If proposals for second instalment are received late after December cuts are imposed on the funds to be released to the States.

(b) The utilisation of funds made available to the States/UTs for implementation of various Rural Poverty Alleviation Programmes during the year 2001-2002 is given in the Statement. *(See* below)

(c) It has been noticed that non-compliance of the conditions governing release of funds and shortage of trained staffwith the Implementing Agencies at the State level have, sometimes, hampered the full and effective utilization of the available funds.